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RESOLUTION
OF THE ALAMO NAVAJO CHAPTER
NO. ANC 10-22-2015, E-1

Opposing U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE WOLF RECOVERY PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. Alamo Band of Navajos (ABN) was granted by the United States Government. Certain lands in central New Mexico to held in trust for the use of Alamo Band of Navajo's pursuant to the Act of May 15, 1947;and
2. In January 2015, the Fish and Wild Service finalized changes to the Mexican Wolf Experimental population Rule in Arizona and New Mexico, providing for a fourfold expansion of the area where Mexican wolves primarily are expected to occur, and a tenfold increase in the area where Mexican wolves can initially be released from captivity: and,
3. 40 C.F.R. 1508.5 provides that tribal governments may serve as cooperating agencies during the EIS process if they have either jurisdiction by law or special expertise: and,
4. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 1508.5., in considering any proposal or plan to expand the area within which Mexican wolves are primarily expected to occur, the United States Fish & Wildlife Service was legally obligated to fully consult with the Alamo Navajo Chapter from the initiation of any consideration of such an effort, to assure full participation by the Alamo Navajo Chapter in any such effort and to assure that any such proposal or plan is consistent with the land use and wildlife management policies of the Alamo Navajo Chapter:
5. The Fish & Wildlife Service failed to treat the Alamo Navajo Chapter as a cooperating agency, and the Fish & Wildlife Service totally ignored our customs, culture, and the economy of our community, as well as violated the United States Government trust responsibilities in the process; and,

6. The expansion of the wolf recovery area will directly and detrimentally impact the Alamo Navajo Chapter's land use and wildlife management efforts, wildlife populations on the Reservation, the game available to tribal members for subsistence hunting, and the Tribe's livestock and ranching industry and the economy dependent upon those resources, and,
7. The expansion of the wolf recovery area constitutes a violation of the United States Government's trust responsibilities to the Alamo Navajo Chapter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALAMO NAVAJO CHAPTER that the Alamo Navajo Chapter opposes the expansion of the wolf recovery program within the State of New Mexico and particularly within areas encompassed by the Alamo Navajo Chapter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alamo Navajo Chapter stands in stark opposition of the Record of Decision and Final Rule in regard to the wolf Recovery Program, and maintains that this decision is a blatant violation of NEPA requirements.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alamo Navajo Chapter encourages the United States Fish & Wildlife Service to undertake its legal obligation to fully consult with the Chapter on any proposal to expand the wolf recovery area in the State of New Mexico and to coordinate any such efforts with the Chapter's land use and wildlife management policies.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alamo Navajo Chapter calls upon our representatives in the U.S. House of Representative and the U.S. Senate to call for an investigation into the Fish & Wildlife Service's disregard of the positions of the Chapter, and to de-fund the wolf recovery program.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairman or in his absence the Vice-Chair is authorized to undertake actions necessary to implement this resolution and that copies be sent to United States Fish & Wildlife Service, the State of New Mexico Game and Fish Commission, the members of the New Mexico congressional delegation, and the Secretary of the Interior.

CERTIFICATION

We here by certify that the foregoing resolution was fully considered at the Alamo Chapter at dully-called meeting at Alamo, New Mexico at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 21 in favor and 0 opposed, 5 abstained this 22 day of October 2015.


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Second: Buddy Mexicano